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SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF SELF-HELP FUNDS: BURUNDI

REF: (A) 76 STATE 283326, (B) SEGALL LETTER OF JUNE 24, 1977

1. AS REQUESTED IN PARA FIVE OF REFTEL A, BUJUMBURA IS PROVIDING DATA ON IAA'S SIGNED DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS. OF THE TOTAL OBLIGATIONAL AUTHORITY OF 90,000 DOLLARS, WE NOW HAVE A ZERO RPT ZERO BALANCE.

2. (A) IAA: 7 695 090, SIGNED JULY 25, 1977.

(B) TITLE: FINANCING OF SOME MATERIALS AND WORK PREPARATORY TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE ON THE MUSINDOZI RIVER.

THE BRIDGE ON THE MUSINDOZI WILL LINK THE TWO NATURAL REGIONS OF THE BUTUTSI AND BUREGANA. MORE IMPORTANT, THOUGH, ALL THE PEOPLE FROM THE DISTRICT OF MUKAMBA WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF 115,000 AND ALL FOODSTUFFS AND OTHER COMMODITIES BEING SHIPPED NORTHWARD TO BURURI WILL NECESSARILY CROSS OVER THE BRIDGE. IN THE PAST, THE LACK OF ASSURED COMMUNICATION WITH THE REST OF BURUNDI HAS BEEN A FACTOR THAT HAS HINDERED THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE MAKAMBA DISTRICT, WHICH IS ONE OF THE POOREST IN BURUNDI.

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(C) USG CONTRIBUTION: 18,200.00 DOLLARS.

3. (A) IAA: 7 695 100, SIGNED AUGUST 1, 1977.

(B) TITLE: FINANCING OF TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS FOR USE IN AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TEACHING PROGRAM.

THE CURRICULUM PLANNING OFFICE FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION HAS ELABORATED AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH WILL BE USED IN ALL OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN BURUNDI. ABOUT 10,500 STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM DURING THE FIRST YEAR, AND MAYBE A LARGER NUMBER IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE A GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF METHODOLOGICAL TEXTBOOKS FOR THE TEACHERS, AND TEACHERS GUIDES TO ACCOMPANY TEXTBOOKS AND PICTURE BOOKS TO BE USED BY THE STUDENTS. ADDITIONALLY, SOME CASSETTE RECORDERS WITH RECHARGEABLE BATTERY PACKS WILL BE BOUGHT.

(C) USG CONTRIBUTION: 17,581.65 DOLLARS.

4. COPIES OF THE IAA'S MENTIONED ABOVE ARE BEING AIR POUCHED FOR AF/EPS, AID/SER/FM/RSD, AND AFR/DP.

5. PER REFTEL B WHICH MADE MENTION OF FALLOUT FUNDS, BUJUMBURA COULD USE 6,800 DOLLARS MORE TO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE OF ALL CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS WHICH ARE NEEDED FOR THE BRIDGE MENTIONED ABOVE. WHILE SOME OF THE FUNDING OF IAA 7 695 090 WILL BE USED FOR MATERIALS, MOST OF IT WILL BE USED FOR WORK PREPARATORY TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE. FOR EXAMPLE, BEFORE THE BRIDGE CAN BE BUILT, THE MAIN HIGHWAY MUST BE IMPROVED AND A HAIRPIN CURVE, WHICH IS 150 METERS FROM THE BRIDGE SITE, MUST BE ELIMINATED. IN ADDITION, AN ABUTMENT WILL HAVE TO BE BUILT AND SUNK INTO

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THE RIVER BED, AND FILL AROUND THE ABUTMENT WILL HAVE TO BE BANKED AND TAMPED. BESIDES THE SUM OF 6,800 DOLLARS, ANOTHER 20,000 DOLLARS COULD BE USED RIGHT NOW TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 100-BED HOSPITAL AT THE KIBUYE MISSION WHICH SERVES A POPULATION OF ABOUT 100,000 PEOPLE IN SOUTH-CENTRAL BURUNDI, AND WHICH IS OPERATED BY THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH, AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION.

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